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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No. 31/2026/HOME *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12th March, 2026.*

S. R. O. No. 394/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 2 read with section 3 of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968) read with section 129 of the Kerala Police Act, 2011 (8 of 2011), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Police Service Special Rules, 1966 issued under G.O. (Ms) No.246 dated 14th June, 1966 and published in Part I of the Kerala Gazette No.26 dated 28th June, 1966, namely:–

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*–(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Police Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*–In the Kerala Police Service Special Rules, 1966,–

(i) in rule 1, under the heading Branch II – Armed Police, the existing entries of categories 1 and IA shall be deleted and the following entries shall be inserted, namely:–

"Category 1 – Commandants (Non Indian Police Service)

[Includes 4 Non Cadre posts of Commandant of Armed Police Battalion, Assistant Director, Kerala Police Academy (Outdoor) and any additional posts of Commandant created by Government from time to time.]

Category 1A – Deputy Commandants, Armed Police Battalions

Category 1AA – Assistant Commandants, Armed Police Battalions

[Including Assistant Commandant (Adjutant and Assistant Commandant (Quartermaster).]"

(ii) in the table under clause (a) of rule 2, under the heading Branch II – Armed Police, the existing entries of categories 1 and 1A in column (1) and the entries against them in column (2), shall be deleted and the following entries shall be inserted, namely:–

"1. Commandants (Non Indian Police Service) [Including 4 Non cadre posts of Armed Police Battalions, Assistant Director, Kerala Police Academy (Outdoor) and any additional posts created by the Government from time to time]	Promotion from Category 1A

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1A. Deputy commandants, Armed Police Battalions	Promotion from Category 1AA
1AA. Assistant Commandants, Armed Police Battalions [Including Assistant Commandant (Adjutant) and Assistant Commandant (Quartermaster)]	Promotion from Category 2 ”

(iii) In the Annexure to the rule, under the heading Branch II,–

(a) before the existing entries the following entries shall be inserted, namely:–

“1. Commandants (Non Indian Police Service) [Including 4 Non cadre posts of Armed Police Battalions, Assistant Director, Kerala Police Academy (Outdoor) and any additional posts created by the Government from time to time]	By promotion from Deputy Commandants, Armed Police Battalions.	Pass in Account test for Executive Officers conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission”

(b) the existing entry Armed Police Inspectors shall be numbered as 2.

Note:–The qualification of pass in the Account Test for Executive Officers conducted by the Kerala Public Service Commission for promotion to Category 1, Commandants shall be applicable to those in Category 1A Deputy Commandants, Armed Police Battalions, who are promoted to Category 1 Commandants, against vacancies arising on or after 1st January, 2025.

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

In the absence of Special Rules regarding the promotion of Deputy Commandants of Armed Police Battalions to the cadre of Commandant (Non Indian Police Service) of Armed Police Battalions and equated posts, promotions to the cadre of Commandants (Non Indian Police Service) of Armed Police Battalions from Deputy Commandants of Armed Police Battalions are being made by invoking rule 31 of Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958 without insisting any specific qualifications. Government have decided to include the post of Commandant (Non Indian Police Service), Armed Police Battalions in the Kerala Police Service Special Rules, 1966 and to prescribe qualification for the same by amending the said rules.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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